

**OPTIONAL STATE SUPPLEMENTATION**

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| <b>STATUTORY BASIS<br/>FOR PAYMENT</b>        | Section 17-109, Connecticut General Statutes.   |
| <b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b>                         | January 1, 1974.  |
| <b>ADMINISTRATION<sup>1</sup></b>             | Department of Social Services (State-administered in local offices of the State agency).  |
| <b>PASSALONG</b>                              | In compliance by the method of maintaining all payment levels.  |
| <b>SCOPE OF<br/>COVERAGE</b>                  | Optional supplement provided for aged, blind, and disabled SSI recipients living alone and with others. No provision is made for essential persons. Blind children are eligible for supplementation, but disabled children are not. Blind and disabled recipients are reclassified as aged upon reaching 65 years old.  |
| <b>RECOVERIES, LIENS,<br/>AND ASSIGNMENTS</b> | Liens secure claims against real property. State has a preferred mandatory claim against an estate to the extent that it is not needed for the support of the surviving spouse, parent, or dependent children of the decedent. Liens may be comprised or released upon payment of claim or amount equal to beneficiary's interest. If applicant/recipient owns other nonhome property he has 9 months to sell it. During that time he gives the State a security mortgage.  |
| <b>RELATIVE<br/>RESPONSIBILITY</b>            | Spouse for spouse; parents for blind children under 18.   |
| <b>INCOME<br/>DISREGARDS</b>                  | <p>Unearned Income: For recipients residing in the community, State disregards \$183.00 of any unearned income including SSI; for recipients residing in boarding homes, \$90.70 is disregarded.</p> <p>Earned Income: The first \$65 and one-half of the remainder for aged and disabled. The first \$85 and one-half the remainder for the blind. Work related expenses for the blind: 1) nonpersonal expenses such as union dues (if mandatory) and cost of tools, materials, uniforms if not paid for or furnished by the employer; 2) personal expenses such as Social Security tax, life and health insurance, lunch, and transportation.</p> |

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<sup>1</sup> State no longer has any recipients receiving mandatory supplementation.

**INCOME  
DISREGARDS (CON.)**

Additional deductions are allowed for the blind and disabled related to plans for self support. Those who are disabled are also allowed deductions for impairment related work expenses.

**RESOURCE  
LIMITATIONS**

No limit on real property occupied as a home. Equity in real property other than a home must be liquidated. Value of personal property (excluding household and personal effects, car if needed, and tools and equipment or livestock essential to production of income) limited to \$1,600 for an individual and \$2,400 for a couple. In addition, up to \$1,200 for burial contract reduced by the value of irrevocable burial arrangements and the face value of life insurance policies of \$1,500 or less.

**PLACE OF  
APPLICATION**

Local offices of State agency.

**FUNDING**

Assistance: State funds.  
Administration: State funds.

**INTERIM  
ASSISTANCE**

State participates.

**PAYMENT LEVELS<sup>2</sup>**

| <u>Code</u> | <u>Living arrangements</u>                | <u>Combined Federal/State</u> |               | <u>State supplementation</u> |               |
|-------------|---|-------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|---------------|
|             |   | <u>Individual</u>             | <u>Couple</u> | <u>Individual</u>            | <u>Couple</u> |
|             | Independent community living <sup>3</sup> | \$747.00                      | \$1,094.00    | \$277.00                     | \$389.00      |

<sup>2</sup> Unless otherwise stated, payment levels apply equally to aged, blind, and disabled. Boarding home rate is set by Committee on State payments in accordance with individual cost data for the operations of the facility.

<sup>3</sup> Budget process used to establish payments amounts. This supplement consists of a housing allowance (maximum of \$400 for living alone; \$200 for living with others), basic needs items, minus countable income (see income disregards). The amount presented assumes eligibility for the highest rental allowance and the maximum budget amount.

**STATE ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS****ADMINISTRATION**

Department of Income Maintenance.

**SPECIAL NEED  
CIRCUMSTANCES:****RECURRING**

Emergency housing - 1 occurrence per calendar year--  
no more than 60 days per occurrence  
Refuse collection - actual charge  
Therapeutic diet - \$36.20 a month  
Meals-on-wheels - \$89.10 a month for 1 meal a day  
\$164.80 a month for 2 meals a day  
Restaurant meals - \$36.20 a month for an individual living  
in the community  
\$7.80 per day for an individual living in  
emergency housing

**NONRECURRING**

Security deposit for housing - up to 2 times the monthly  
obligation  
Security deposit for heating service - actual cost up to  
limit of \$200  
Storage charges - up to 3 months  
Moving expenses  
Essential household furnishings  
Telephone installation  
Essential clothing

**MEDICAID****ELIGIBILITY:****CRITERION**

State guidelines.

**DETERMINED BY**

State.

**MEDICALLY NEEDY  
PROGRAM**

Program for the aged, blind, and disabled medically needy.

**UNPAID MEDICAL  
EXPENSES**The Social Security Administration does not obtain this  
information.